

East Germany

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TOPIC Altenburg Airfield

25X1 EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

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REMARKS

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The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Altenburg airfield between 5 and 10 August 1953:

5 August. At 12:30 p.m., 4 MiG-15s of the alert flight were parked at the northern end of the runway and 10 MiG-15s were observed near the flight control station. Four MiG-15s took off individually at large intervals, later dived at an angle of about 45 degrees and pulled out of it at an altitude of about 400 meters. One single-engine aircraft was also observed aloft. The aircraft was repeatedly approached by a MiG-15. There was a 7/10 overcast at an altitude of about 1,500 meters and good visibility. In the afternoon, individual MiG-15s and a single-engine aircraft continuously circled the field.

6 August. At noon, 4 MiG-15s of the alert flight were observed at the northern end of the runway, 11 MiG-15s were near the flight control station, and 8 MiG-15s were aloft. A twin-engine transport and a single-engine aircraft were also parked near the flight control station. MiG-15s with auxiliary fuel tanks continuously practiced flying in formations of 4s and 8s at an altitude of about 1,000 meters. The take-offs were made in groups of twos.

8 August. At 4 p.m., a single-engine aircraft and four individual MiG-15s were observed aloft. At 4:15 p.m., two MiG-15s took off and then repeatedly approached the single-engine aircraft from the side. 25X1C

10 August. At 1 p.m., 12 MiG-15s including the alert flight and 1 single-engine aircraft were counted at the field. At 1:20 p.m., 2 MiG-15s staggered to the rear took off. Subsequently, 1 single-engine aircraft took off. The three aircraft headed west.

25X1A Comment. Altenburg airfield is believed to be still occupied by a fighter regiment. The aircraft were previously observed from Erfurt and Grossenhain. 25X1C

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